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SUBJECT: SAUDI PRESS COVERAGE, VANCE MISSION, FEBRUARY 16

1. SUMMARY: SAUDI PRESS JUST BEGINNING HEAT UP ON
COVERAGE OF VANCE MISSION. FOUR EDITORIALS IN TODAY'S
PRESS (TWO IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARAB NEWS, ONE IN LEADING
ARAB-LANGUAGE UKAAZ, ONE IN INFLUENTIAL ARAB-LANGUAGE
AL-MADINA) EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE LESSENING PLO HOSTILITY
TOWARD ISRAEL AS INCREASING CHANCES FOR PEACE, PRAISE OF
"STATE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC REBUKE OF ISRAEL FOR
PROSPECTING FOR OIL IN OCCUPIED SINAI" (BOTH FROM
ARAB NEWS), WONDER AT VANCE'S REPORTED STATEMENT IN
ISRAEL YESTERDAY THAT PRESSURE WILL NOT BE PUT BY
U.S. ON ISRAEL (UKAAZ), AND GENERAL HOPE FOR SUCCESS
OF SECRETARY'S MISSION (AL-MADINA). MISSION MAIN
STORY IN ONLY TWO PAPERS: ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
SAUDI GAZETTE, AND UKAAZ, OTHER PAPERS CONCENTRATE
ON SUCCESSFUL OPERATION ON KING IN LONDON, MINISTER
PETROLEUM YAMANI STATEMENT IN DOHA ON OPEC
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MODERATION, INCREASED SALARIES SAUDI MILITARY--IN
ADDITION SECONDARY VANCE COVERAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. BELOW EXTRACT UKAAZ FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL ON
SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN TEL AVIV: "WHEN MR. VANCE
WAS IN WASHINGTON, HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE IS
GOING TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO LISTEN AND LEARN AND NOT

TO GIVE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS OR IDEAS. HOWEVER, AS SOON
AS HE ARRIVED IN TEL AVIV HE DENIED THAT USA HAD
PROMISED TO PRESSURE ISRAEL. THUS US AGAIN
CARRYING OUT SAME KISSINGER POLICY OF SATISFYING
ISRAEL--THE ISSUE WHICH HAS POSTPONED REAL APPROACH
TO MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.... (THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT
APPEARED TO BE A REPLY TO SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER) SA'UD
BIN FAISAL WHO HAS SAID U.S. MUST EXERT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL
WHILE SAUDI ARABIA ATTEMPTS KEEP OPEC PRICES DOWN."

3. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SAUDI GAZETTE RUNS INSIDE STORY
ON PURPOSES VANCE VISIT AND BIOS OFFICIAL PARTY -
DRAWING ON POST-PREPARED PRESS KITS DISTRIBUTED
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